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Subject: Upset Condition, UPDES Permit No. UTG040012 - Plateau
Mining Corp., Willow Creek Mine, Carbon County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Ware:

We have received your letter dated May 15, 2007 in regards to the former Willow Creek Mine site and the Crandall Canyon mine shaft dewatering activities and explanation of the upset condition. We have reviewed the information and determined that your timely submittals do in fact demonstrate an Upset Condition as described in Part III.H.2. of your UPDES Permit referenced above. Aside from the upset determination, is your demonstration that the initial sample on April 19, 2007 was not representative of the overall volume and nature of the total discharge. The Representative Sampling section is described in Part II.A. of your UPDES permit. Based on these factors and the absence of any downstream environmental impacts, no further action is necessary.

Your efforts to remain in compliance with the provisions of your UPDES Permit are appreciated. Please continue to inform DWQ of your activities and schedules. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Studenka of this office at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Herkimer, Manager
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